

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Carramah J. Quiett
Toru Koizumi et al.)	
	:	Art Unit: 2622
Application No.: 09/929,037)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 1876
Filed: August 15, 2001)	
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For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS)	September 23, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA. 2231301450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed herewith in the above-identified application. Prior to further examination on the merits, and in response to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2008, please amend the application as follows.